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TOTAL ENROLLMENTS SURPASS 460,000 ON EVE OF SECOND YEAR FOR MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

Enrollment figures to shift to weekly reports

BALTIMORE (Nov. 7, 2014) — Maryland is issuing its final enrollment report prior to the launch of the second open enrollment period on November 15.

As of Nov. 3, 2014, 463,939 Marylanders have enrolled in coverage this year. That figure includes 82,535 individuals enrolled in private qualified health plans through Maryland Health Connection. In addition, 381,404 individuals have gained Medicaid coverage and remain active in Medicaid as of Oct. 20, 2014.

The Medicaid total includes the 95,889 PAC enrollees who were automatically converted to full Medicaid coverage on Jan. 1, 2014. The net change in Medicaid enrollment represents an increase of 200,690 enrollees from Dec. 31, 2013, to Oct. 31, 2014, which takes into account that certain individuals lose Medicaid coverage because of changes in household, age and income, as well as redeterminations.

Once the 2015 open enrollment period begins Nov. 15, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange will shift from monthly to weekly reporting of enrollment numbers. The next report will be Wednesday, Nov. 26, with weekly reporting starting Friday, Dec. 5.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, consumers will be able to compare insurance plans and to see estimated costs and financial help for 2015 at MarylandHealthConnection.gov. For 2015, there are 57 different plans offered by five insurance providers: (1) CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, (2) Cigna, (3) Evergreen Health, (4) Kaiser Permanente and (5) United HealthCare.

Marylanders can see upcoming enrollment events and pre-register for an event on the website at MarylandHealthConnection.gov/enrollment-events/. Opportunities for in-person help enrolling for 2015 start Saturday, Nov. 15. After that, Marylanders can enroll: through the Consumer Support Center at 855-642-8572 (TTY: 855-642-8573) starting Nov. 16; with any Maryland Health Connection local consumer assistance organizations starting Nov. 17; and at local health departments and departments of social services starting Nov. 18.

Beginning Nov. 19, consumers can enroll online without assistance at MarylandHealthConnection.gov. Marylanders interested in affordable health coverage who

already have a plan through Maryland Health Connection must sign up for 2015 coverage by Dec. 18 to retain financial assistance. Open enrollment runs until Feb. 15, 2015.

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About Maryland Health Benefit Exchange: The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) is a public corporation and independent unit of the State government established in April 2011 in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA). MHBE has a nine-member Board of Trustees that includes the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, Maryland Insurance Commissioner and Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission. MHBE is responsible for the administration of Maryland Health Connection. www.MarylandHBE.com

About Maryland Health Connection: Maryland Health Connection (MHC) is the state-based health insurance marketplace for individuals and families to compare and enroll in health insurance, as well as determine eligibility for Medicaid and other assistance programs, federal tax credits and cost-sharing reductions. MarylandHealthConnection.gov

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